Martin Teetor, inventor of an adding machine,
and the Teetor Adding Machine Company he headed.

Some time ago I searched for information about adding machines, and other office appliances. I found ads and articles about a Teetor adding machine, that I had never read or heard about. This lead to a search for the history of the Teetor Adding Machine Company, and of Martin Teetor, the man behind it.

Martin Teetor was born November 11 1862. He married Minnie J. Randolph April 8 1888. They had a daughter, Evelyn.

Martin Teetor was a watchmaker with the Marquard wholesale jewelry house. Repairing adding machines he became interested in their construction. He designed and built the Teetor adding and subtracting machine. The Teetor Adding Machine Company was formed December 18 1916.

Martin Teetor died of paralysis December 24 1920.

On December 24 1921 a fire destroyed the building where the Teetor Adding Machine Company was located, causing around half a million dollar in damages.
In 1922 the Teetor Adding Machine had moved to Los Angeles, and built a factory in Pomona. By March 1923 the building had been completed, and production started around August 1923. According to an article from February 5 1924, they were looking for another location. What happened after that, I was unable to find, but they had become inoperative and void by March 17 1926.

I also found Martin Teetor tied to the start of the Butler Machinery Company in Des Moines, but I do not know if it is the same man.

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OFFICE EXPENSES

For the office of Board of Railroad Commissioners from June 30, 1901, to June 30, 1903, inclusive, paid from appropriation under Section 3, Chapter 149, laws 1900, and Section 3, Chapter 178, laws 1902.

DATE.		TO WHOM PAID.	FOR WHAT PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.
1901				
July	16	West Publishing Co.	Volume 85, N. W. Rep.................	$ 4.00
		Rand-McNally Co	Atlas	12 50
		The Michie Co............	Volume 20, A. and E. R. R. cases...	4.50
		Railroad Gazette	Extra number	.50
August	15	Mrs. F. E. McCausland.	Stenography, etc	82.50
October	2	Mrs. F. E. McCausland.	Stenography, etc....	102.50
November	7	Mrs. F. E. McCausland.	Stenography. etc.........	77.50
December	3	Martin Teetor	Repairs on adding machine	5 75
		Chas. A. Laurence & Co	Subscriptions to Railway Guide......	6.00
		West Publishing Co.	Volumes 86 and 87, N. W. Rep	8.00
		The Michie Co	Volume 21, A and E. R. R. cases....	4.50
		Am. Arithmometer Co..	3 dozen rolls paper for adding mch...	4 50
December	19	Mrs. F. E. McCausland.	Stenography, etc	90.00

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BOARD OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

OFFICE EXPENSES—CONTINUED.

DATE.		TO WHOM PAID.	FOR WHAT PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.
1902				
January	23	Mrs. F. E. McCausland.	Stenography, etc....	75.00
January	29	Geo. L. McCaughan.....	Assisting in preparation annual Rep.	87.50
March	4	West Publishing Co.	Volume 88, N. W. Rep..............	4.00
		Rand-McNally Co... ..	Letter heads and posters..........	19.00
		The Michie Co	Volume 22, A. and E. R. R. cases....	4.50
		Am. Railway Guide Co.	Subscription to Western R'y Guide..	6.00
		Nat'l Railway Pub. Co..	Subscription to Official Guide	8.00
		Railroad Gazette	Subseription to Magazine............	4 20
March	12	The Michie Co	Volume 23, A. and E. R. R. cases.....	4.50
March	27	Geo. L. McCaughan.	Assisting in preparation annual Rep.	65.00
May	20	The Michie Co	Volume 24, A. and E. R. R. cases ...	4.50
		Rand-McNally Co..	Atlas, $6.25; 6,000 letter heads, $24.00	30.25
		West Publishing Co.	Volume 89, N. W. Rep..............	4.00
May	28	Geo. L. McCaughan.	Assisting in preparation annual Rep.	132.50
		Mrs. F. E. McCausland.	Stenography, etc....	90.00
July	11	Mrs. F. E. McCausland.	Stenography, etc......	72.50
July	23	West Publishing Co	Volume 90, N. W. Rep......	4.00
		Baker-Trisler Co....	Card index, etc	22.08
August	14	Mrs. F. E. McCausland.	Stenography, etc.........	72.50
August	29	Geo. L. McCaughan	Assisting in work of annual report ..	135.00
September	13	Mrs. F. E McCausland.	Stenography, etc	65.00
October	14	The Michie Co.	Volume 25, A. and E. R. R. cases....	4.50
		West Publishing Co.....	Volume 91 N. W. Rep...............	4.00
		Chas A. Laurance Co....	Subscription to Railway Guide......	6.00
		Geo. L. McCaughan....	Work on annual report..........	65.00
		Mrs. F. E. McCausland	Stenography, etc....................	65.00
November	13	Mrs. F. E. McCausland.	Stenography, etc....................	65.00
December	13	Mrs. F. E. McCausland	Stenography, etc....................	65.00
December	24	Geo. L. McCaughan.....	Work on annual report..............	65.00
1903				
January	16	Mrs. F. E. McCausland.	Stenography, etc....................	72 50
January	28	Geo. L. McCaughan.....	Work on annual report..............	77.50
February	13	Remington Typewriter Company..............	Balance on Remington machine......	52.75
		The Michie Co...........	Volume 26 A. and E R. R. cases.....	4.50
		West Publishing Co.....	Volume 92 N. W. Rep...............	4.00
		Railroad Gazette.........	Subscription to December, 1903......	4.20
		National Ry. Pub. Co...	Official Guide for 1903................	8.00
		R. L. Polk & Co.........	Directory.............................	5.00
February	20	Mrs. F. E. McCausland.	Stenography, etc....................	75.00
February	25	Geo. L. McCaughan.....	Work on annual report..............	67.50
March	21	Mrs. F. E. McCausland.	Stenography, etc....................	62.50
March	24	H. E. Robinson..........	Special work in office................	6.25
April	23	Mrs. F. E. McCausland	Stenography, etc....................	70.00
May	5	American Ry. Guide Co.	Three subscriptions..................	7.50
		Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Co........	Law books...........................	72.00
		Rand-McNally Co.......	Letter heads and Atlas..............	44.75
		Martin Teetor...........	Cleaning adding machine............	2.50
		The Michie Co...........	Volume 27 and volume of Digest A. and E. R. R. cases................	9.00
		West Publishing Co.....	Volume 93 N. W. Rep...............	4.00
May	23	Mrs. F. E. McCausland.	Stenography, etc....................	65.00
		Geo. L. McCaughan.....	Assisting in work of report..........	165.00
June	26	Mrs. F. E. McCausland.	Stenography, etc....................	72.50
		Total.................	....	$ 2,604.23

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NEXT ITEM

MINE INSPECTORS, CLERK'S FUND.

Amount of 1902 appropriation unexpended June 30, 1903	$ 585.00	
Amount appropriated by Thirtieth General Assembly	1,755 00	
Total		$ 2,340.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Maude C. Wilcox	$ 227.50	
To Gertrude Marshall	552.50	
To L. E. Stamm	780.00	
To balance unexpended June 30, 1905	780 00	
Total		2,340.00

RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS, GENERAL AND TRAVELING EXPENSE FUND.

Amount of 1902 appropriation unexpended June 30, 1903	$ 3,701.53	
Amount appropriated by Thirtieth General Assembly	3,170.00	
Total		$ 6,871.53

DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount of 1902 appropriation charged off	$ 287.57
To R. L. Polk & Company	16.00
To Rand-McNally	532.25
To White Line Transfer company	84.46
To Western Union Telegraph company	97.70
To Michie company	86.00
To Register & Leader	21.02
To Iowa Telephone company	74.20
To express	242.91
To West Publishing company	36.00
To F. E. McCausland	600.00
To Geo. L. McLaughlin	372.50
To J. S. Wilkinson	6.75
To Chas. A. Lawrence & Company	12.00
To Mose Jacobs	2.00
To Century company	18.00
To Iowa Publishing company	25.00
To Remington Typewriter company	82.75
To G. W. Bardin	8.50
To Springer Manufacturing company	3.52
To Des Moines Rubber Stamp company	1.05
To B. H. Pray	4.50
To Iowa Homestead	4.50
To Martin Teetor	5.25
To Railway Gazette	8.40
To Eureka Blotter Bath company	2.50
To Des Moines Capital	14.07
To American Railroad Guide	15.00
To National Railway Publishing company	16.00
To J. H. Welch Printing company	47.50
To Baker-Trisler company	83.38
To American Arithmometer company	3.50
To Thos. H. Boylan	832.34

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OFFICE EXPENSES

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Date.		To Whom Paid.	For What Purpose.	Amount.
1903				
August	12	The Michie Co.	Volumes 28 and 29 A. & E. R. R. cases	$ 9.00
		West Publishing Co.	Volume 94 N. W. Reporter	4.00
November	17	R. L. Polk & Co.	S ate Gazetteer	6.00
		The Michie Co.	Volume 30 A. and E. R R cases	4.50
		Chas. A. Laurance & Co	Subscription, 3 copies Railway Guide	6.00
		West Publishing Co.	Volumes 95 and 96 N. W. Rep	8.00
1904				
January	20	R L. Polk & Co.	City Directory	5.00
		West Publishing Co.	Volume 97 N. W. Rep	4.00
		Nat'l Railway Pub. Co	Official Railway Guide	8.00
		Am. Railway Guide Co.	Three subscriptions to Am. Ry. Guide	7.50
		Baker-Trisler Co.	Card index	10.88
February	8	Century History Co.	History of Iowa	18.00
March	25	Railroad Gazette	Subscription	4 20
		The Michie Co.	Volume 31 A. and E. R. R. cases	4.50
		Martin Teetor.	Repairs on adding machine	5 25
March	29	Baker-Trisler Co.	Johnson's Encyclopedia	22.50
April	20	G. W. Burden.	Index to encyclopedia	3.50
May	25	Rand McNally & Co.	Atlas	5.00
June	1	Mose Jacobs	Subscription to Drover's Journal.	2.00
		Spurgin Mfg. Co	Index book	3.52
		West Publishing Co.	Volume 98 N. W Rep	4.00
		The Michie Co.	Volume 32 A. and E. R. R. cases	4.50
October	26	The Iowa Publishing Co.	Iowa atlas	25.00
		Am. Arithmometer Co	Stand for adding machine	3.50
		Chas. A Laurance & Co.	Three subscriptions, Russell's Guide.	6.00
		West Publishing Co.	Volumes 99 and 100 N. W. Rep	8.00
		The Michie Co.	Volume 33 A. and E. R. R. cases.	4.50

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NEXT ITEM

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For the office of Board of Control of State Institutions from June 30, 1905, to June 30, 1906, inclusive. Paid from appropriation under Section 4 of Chapter 118, laws of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly.

Date.		To Whom Paid—For What Purpose.		Amount.
1905.				
April		Martin Teetor, repairing adding machine......	$ 2.50	
		cartage......	.50	
		ribbon......	1.50	$ 4.50
September	20	Tone Bros , roasting 16 samples coffee		2.00
November	21	A. C. Hanger, repairing clock		2.00
December	15	Tone Bros, roasting 17 samples coffee		2.13
1906.				
June	26	Tone Bros, roasting 11 samples coffee		1.38
		Total		$ 12.01

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